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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(DO/EO/US)**

In re Application of: David Murray Melrose  
International Application No: PCT/NZ2003/000220  
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Title: CONTAINER STRUCTURE FOR REMOVAL OF  
VACUUM PRESSURE

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the above identified application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the specification begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.